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## 2008 COMMODITY INSURANCE FACT SHEET

# Flax

Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota

### Crop Insured

The crop insured will be flax planted for harvest as **grain**.

### Counties Available

**Montana**—Daniels, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Valley

**North Dakota**—All counties

**South Dakota**—All counties

### Causes of Loss

Adverse weather conditions

Earthquake

Failure of irrigation water supply<sup>1</sup>

Fire

Insects<sup>2</sup>

Plant disease<sup>2</sup>

Volcanic eruption

Wildlife

<sup>1</sup>If caused by an insured cause of loss occurring during insurance period.

<sup>2</sup>But not due to insufficient or improper application of control measures.

### Insurance Period

Coverage usually begins when the flax is planted and ends at the earlier of the following:

- (1) total destruction of the flax on the unit,
- (2) harvest of the unit,
- (3) final adjustment of a loss on the unit, or
- (4) October 31, 2009.

Note: Any acreage of flax damaged before the final planting date, to the extent that producers in the area would not normally further care for the crop, must be replanted to an appropriate type of flax unless the insurance provider agrees that replanting is not practical. A replant payment may be available.

### Reporting Requirements

**Acreage Report**—You must report all acreage of your flax, both insured and uninsured, to your agent by the acreage reporting date.

### Important Dates

Sales Closing .....	March 15, 2009
Production Reporting .....	April 29, 2009
Acreage Reporting .....	June 30, 2009

### Duties in the Event of Damage or Loss

- (1) Protect the crop from further damage by providing sufficient care;
- (2) Notify your agent within 72 hours of your initial discovery of damage (but not later than 15 days after the end of the insurance period); and
- (3) Leave representative samples intact for each field of the damaged unit.

### Coverage Levels and Premium Subsidies

Coverage levels range from 50 to 75 percent of your average yield. For example, an average yield of 40 bushels per acre would result in a guarantee of 30 bushels per acre at the 75-percent coverage level.

Crop insurance premiums are subsidized as shown in the following table. For example, if you select the 75-percent coverage level, your premium share would be 45 percent of the base premium:

Item	Percent					
Coverage Level	50	55	60	65	70	75
Premium Subsidy	67	64	64	59	59	55
Your Premium Share	33	36	36	41	41	45

Catastrophic (CAT) coverage is fixed at 50 percent of your average yield and 55 percent of the price election. The cost for CAT coverage is an administrative fee of \$300, regardless of the acreage.

## Insurance Units

Your insurable acreage will be grouped into one or more units in order to establish the approved yield, calculate a guarantee, and determine any indemnity.

**Basic Unit:** A basic unit includes all of your flax acreage in the county by share arrangement. Premiums are reduced by 10 percent for a basic unit.

**Optional Units:** If a basic unit consists of two or more sections or irrigated and non-irrigated acreage and certain record-keeping criteria are met, you may apply for optional units. The 10-percent discount will not apply.

## Definitions

**Production Guarantee** — Number of **bushels** guaranteed per acre determined by multiplying your average yield per acre (based on your records) times the coverage level you elect.

**Production Reporting Date** — The date you must report your production for the previous crop year to your agent.

**Price Election** — To Be Announced—the price basis used to calculate premium and indemnity.

## Where to Purchase

All multi-peril crop insurance, including CAT coverage insurance policies, are available from private insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available on the RMA Web site at: <http://www3.rma.usda.gov/tools/agents/>

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